

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE 2012 DIVERSITY VISA PROGRAM**

The results of the selection process for the 2012 Diversity Visa (DV-2012) program have been voided. Results previously available via the Entry Status Check (ESC) function on the Department of State website, [dvlottery.state.gov](http://dvlottery.state.gov), were posted in error and are now invalid. The results were not valid because, owing to a computer error, they did not represent a fair, random selection of entrants, as required by U.S. law.

This means that we have rescinded all notices informing entrants that they had been selected for further processing in DV-2012; if you received such a notice via ESC on [dvlottery.state.gov](http://dvlottery.state.gov), it is no longer valid.

A new random selection process will be conducted based on the original entries for the DV-2012 program. If you submitted a qualified entry from October 5, 2010, to November 3, 2010, you do not need to reapply. Your entry will be included in the new random selection. Your confirmation number, which is required to determine the status of your entry, remains the same. We are not accepting new entries for the DV-2012 program.

We expect the results of the new random selection process to be available by July 15, 2011, via the ESC function on [dvlottery.state.gov](http://dvlottery.state.gov).

We regret any inconvenience this might have caused.

For further information and future updates on the 2012 DV program, please see:

<http://www.dvlottery.state.gov/>

[http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types\\_1322.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1322.html)